

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS files 07/12/2005.2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-44.3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.**Attachment(s)**1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 07/12/20054. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/11/2005 has been entered.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/11/2005 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 07/11/2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement was considered by the examiner.

3. Based on the examination of the references on the IDS, Examine concludes Claims 1-44 are allowable based on the same premise as stated before. The prior art disclosed by the applicant and cited by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, an intermediary processor between a first and second processor to enable tunneling, such that it also enables the mutual consent/agreement between the first and second processors to opens a third tunnel to form a bridge between the first and second processors.


**Conclusion**

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan S. Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4143. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim N. Huynh can be reached on 571-272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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